



**Wheatfields Infants' and Nursery School**  
**Acting Headteacher: Miss Clare Cockburn BEd NPQH**

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Dear Parents

What a great assembly Beech Class performed for the school yesterday, made even more impressive as Mrs Bushi had been off sick since Monday! It always amazes me how much learning the children are doing, but even more importantly the assemblies show how much fun they are having whilst learning.

We have been focussing on our Rainbow Code in school this week, reminding the children about keeping safe on their way to school and about not using the apparatus before or after school. Please can you remind them about this?

Thank you to all of you who have supported the FOWI cake and Uniform sale. Ash Class bought in the most amount of cakes this time so they decided that their class treat will be to have a Teddy Bears Picnic!

**NURSERY AND RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2018**

The governors and I are delighted to say that Nursery admissions are now managed by the school. From January 2018 children will be able to start school in the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. All Nursery and Reception admission and visit information can be accessed on our school website at

<http://www.wheatfieldsinfants.herts.sch.uk/admissions>

We actively welcome any feedback about the information provided and if it is clear enough, so please visit the website and let us know if we can make any improvements!

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

For many years, all the decisions about children were made by adults. This was thought to be the best because adults are older and have more experience, training and qualifications. But adults didn't always make the right decisions, sometimes because they hadn't talked with the children about the issue. Sometimes the children's ideas were better than the adults! Schools work better when pupils and teachers are working together and listening to each other. Our School Council is just one way of listening to children's views and making better decisions.

Our School Council for this term is a group of Year 1 and Year 2 children from school who meet to talk and solve problems, raise awareness of some events going on in school and help us all to be more involved with the wider school community.

Our new School Council representatives have now been chosen by their own class members

**Beech:** Georgia and Theo

**Ash:** Maya and Ethan

**Maple:** Ella and Ben

**Willow:** Scarlett and Luca

**Oak:** Isla and Henry

**Chestnut:** Florence and Eshaan

They will meet weekly to discuss ideas which have come from other classes or from staff in school. Mrs Taylor runs our School Council. Their first task will be to redesign our 'house' emblems and help organise the Harvest Festival.

**Diary Dates**

**THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**9.00am – 10.00am**

**7.30pm-8.30pm**

**Reception & Year 1 Phonics  
Meeting**

**FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**FOWI Race Night**

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**Individual School  
Photographs**

**THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**7.30pm – 8.30pm**

**Year 1 & Year 2 Maths  
Meeting**

**FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**Harvest Festival for Children**

**THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**9.00am**

**Class Assembly: Oak**

**THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**7.30pm – 8.30pm**

**Reception Meeting**

**WEEK COMMENCING 2nd**

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

**SCHOOL MENU:**

**Week 2**



## **PARKING**

We can continue to appeal to everyone to think very carefully about safety, as well as local residents when parking outside of school. Downes Road and the Ridgeway have parking restrictions during school pick up and drop off times and parking wardens will be issuing tickets. If you have concerns about people parking illegally you can contact St Albans Council on 01727 845283.

## **PARENT MEETINGS**

A reminder that the Reception & Year 1 Literacy meeting take place on Thursday next week, followed by the Maths information sessions for parents of Children in Year 1 and Year 2 on 12<sup>th</sup> October. The meeting for Reception parents will take place on 19th October at 7.30pm.

MEETING	DATE	TIME
RECEPTION & YEAR 1 PHONICS MEETING	THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER	9.00am – 10.00am
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YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 MATHS MEETING	THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER	7.30pm – 8.30pm
RECEPTION PARENTS MEETING	THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER	7.30pm – 8.30pm

## **ABSENCE**

If a child is absent from school for any reason, we ask parents to telephone and inform the school. On the child's return to school if 3 days or more have elapsed, a written explanation needs to be sent with the child so this can be entered as an official absence on the attendance register.

## **DATA COLLECTION SHEETS**

Please can any outstanding Data Collection sheets be returned to school to ensure that we have the most current contact information for your child. Please can you always let us know of any mobile numbers/contact detail changes so that we can always get in contact with you if we need to? Thank you for your cooperation.

## **FOWI NEWS**

### **STAMPTASTIC**

If you are buying stamps to label clothes and belongings from [www.stamptastic.co.uk](http://www.stamptastic.co.uk) then at the checkout add the PTA cash back code AL49NT. It won't cost you a penny and FOWI will receive 20% cashback.

### **EASY2NAME**

If you buy name tags or labels from [www.easy2name.com](http://www.easy2name.com) then at the checkout please select fundraising group "Wheatfields Infants' and Nursery AL4". It won't cost you a penny and FOWI will receive 20% cashback.

### **FOWI PANTOMIME**

Friends of Wheatfields Infants (FOWI) once again invite you to join us at the Alban Arena to see this year's Panto "Aladdin" on Saturday 16th December at 2pm. To secure the group rate, we have to confirm tickets before October half term. Tickets will be sold on a 1st come 1st served basis. All ticket requests must be received at the school office no later than WEDNESDAY 11th OCTOBER. Please mark the envelope "FAO. Emma Larking FOWI – Panto"

**Additional FOWI upcoming events for your diary**

### **Dates for your Diary**

**6<sup>th</sup> October – Race Night**

**25<sup>th</sup> November – Frost Fair**

**16<sup>th</sup> December – Panto: Aladdin @ the Alban Arena**

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **MESSY CHURCH**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 9.00am – 11.30am, Baptist Free Church, Sherwood Avenue, St Albans. Breakfast, crafts, games, celebration. Reserve your place at [messychurch@mbfc.org.uk](mailto:messychurch@mbfc.org.uk)

#### **HIGHFIELD PARK TRUST: APPLE DAY**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2pm – 4pm at YMCA Community Gym, Russet Drive off Hill End Lane.  
Apple café, Jazz Band, Craft Stalls, Children's Games.

[www.highfieldparktrust.co.uk](http://www.highfieldparktrust.co.uk)

**We are happy to publish details of local events that parents may be interested in. Please note that the school does not endorse or promote any of these events.**

**We hope you have an enjoyable and safe weekend,  
Miss Cockburn and the Staff Team.**

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